Advanced arms with terrorists

† 2428. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that terrorists **are** in possession of resources and more advanced arms and ammunitions;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any plan to equip the security forces and intelligence agencies with advanced mechanism to combat terrorist; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Available reports indicate that terrorists operating in some parts of the country have access to financial and other resources and are in possession of sophisticated weapons like AK-47 rifles, pistols, revolvers, etc. and modern communication equipment. Recently, increased use of lEDs and car bomb blasts has also been noticed.

(b) and (c) The State Police Forces and CPMFs and equipped in terms of modern and sophisticated weaponry, protective gear, mobility, communication and surveillance equipments, etc. under the modernization of State Police and CPMFs Scheme. Intelligence gathering and sharing mechanisms are also strengthened as a part of the strategy of combat terrorism.

Check on foreign funding of anti-national organisations

2429. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing rules and regulations are not sufficient to deal with funding of "anti-national" organisations by individual and organisations abroad;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken so far or proposed to be taken for tackling

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overseas funding of anti-national organisations by making stringent and effective rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 and the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976 contain adequate provision to deal with funding of anti-national organizations by individuals and organizations abroad. However, the Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

The draft Bill names 'Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill, 2005' as was presented to the Cabinet, has been uploaded on the Ministry of Home Affairs website: *www.mha.nic.* for seeking comments/ views of different stakeholders. This may be visited to see the salient features of the proposed legislation. The proposed Bill has been referred to the Group of Ministers by the Cabinet on 23.6.2005.

No instances of massive diversion of funds for anti-national activities have come to the notice of the Government. Adequate provisions exist in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, which empower the Central Government to take action against foreign contribution recipient organizations, which are found contravening the provision of the Act, including acceptance of foreign contribution without registration or prior permission, or not properly utilizing it for the stated purposes and objectives. The action includes placing the organization in the prior permission category, prohibiting it from receiving any foreign contribution, freezing its bank account and prosecuting it in a court of law.

Involvement of BSF jawans in smuggling on Bangladesh border

† 2430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling is going on in full swing on Indian border adjacent to Bangladesh;

(b) whether cases of involvement of some BSF jawans in this matter have come to light; and

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